ASPLENIUM adiantum-nigrum.

Sp. Plan. 1541. *Ray Syn.* 126. *Flo. Scot.* 666. *Flo. Ang.* 454. *Ger. Em.* 1137. *Park.* 1406.

TAB. XVII.

BLACK MAIDEN HAIR.

THE roots are long, large, and black, furniſhed with many long fibres, by which it fixes itſelf ſo firmly in the places where it grows that it is with great difficulty dug out.

Firſt leaves from five to ten inches in length; rib black, gloſſy, and naked for half its length from the root; figure of the leafy part tapering, broadeſt below, diminiſhing gradually to the top.

Second leaves ten or fifteen pairs, oppoſite or alternate, triangular, broad at the baſe, tapering to the point, of a fine bright gloſſy green above, paler underneath.

Lobes from four to ſeven pairs, one or two of the firſt pairs divided down to the nerve of the ſecond leaves; in luxuriant and full-grown ſpecimens theſe lobes are again partly lobed, the other pairs becoming gradually confluent at the top of the ſecond leaves.

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